

Now?" Testimony was heard from William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Karen S. Evans, E-Gov/IT Director, OMB; David Boyd, Program Manager, SAFECOM, Wireless Public Safety Interoperable Communications Program, Department of Homeland Security; John Morgan, Assistant Director, Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; the following officials of the FCC: John Muleta, Chief Wireless Bureau; and Edmond Thomas, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hunter and Representative Skelton.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE RELATING TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of November 7, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1588) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

CLIMATE CHANGE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on What are the Administration Priorities for Climate Change Technology? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: David Conover, Director, Interagency Climate Change Technology Program; George Rudins, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Coal and Power Systems; Sally Benson, Deputy Director, Operations, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; and Marilyn Brown, Director, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

EXAMINE RECENT FAILURE TO PROTECT CHILD SAFETY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to Examine Recent Failure to Protect Child Safety. Testimony was heard from Representatives Andrews, Pascrell and Ferguson; the following officials of the State of New Jersey: Colleen Maguire, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Services; and Kevin Ryan, Child Advocate, Office of the Child Advocate; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1237)

S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion. Signed on November 5, 2003. (Public Law 108–105).

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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold joint hearings to examine the current employment situation, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, November 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, November 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 150, Internet Tax Non-discrimination Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization for FY 2004 (subject to a rule).

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